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ABSTRACT

This document describes a community college advisement program that was implemented to improve the student pass rate for the national nursing licensure examination. The nursing faculty at Manatee Community College (Florida) recently instituted an advisement system during the final semester of the two-year nursing program. First, students were required to take one of the practice examinations that are available in the Media Laboratory. Once a hard copy is obtained from each student by the deadline established, the students are randomly assigned to one of the full-time faculty members as their advisor. Depending upon the test scores, the advisor may require remedial coursework in areas of weakness. The nursing faculty prepared a database of audiovisual resources available to each student for further exploration of all areas of the licensure examination test plan. During the second half of the final semester, the Mosby Assess Test is taken by each student. Once the test results are received, each student is again required to meet with their advisor to review the newest results. All students are encouraged to take a review class and to return to the college to continue test prep, even in the summer. The computers and videos are always available to them. Appended are guidelines and resources. (JA)

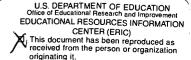


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Enhancing Student Learning

RN CAT Advisement Program



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The nursing faculty at Manatee Community College has recently instituted an advisement system during the final semester of the two-year nursing program. The goal is to see an improvement in the national nursing licensure examination passing rates for the students. The advisement program was initiated due to a decline in licensure examination pass rates at our school, as well as many other schools.

Historically, the students have taken the Mosby Assess Test in the last semester of the program. Once the results were received, a group class review of the material was completed. Students were given general information to use as a basis for self-directed studies. While a review course had always been available, it was the student's personal decision whether to take the course or not. In recent years with this system, the passing rate for first attempt testing began to decline. As a group, the nursing faculty decided that they would need to take a more proactive approach to improve the success rates. This is when they began the RN CAT Advisement Program.

First, we required the student to take one of the practice examinations that are available in the Media Laboratory. Students are responsible to take the practice examination and submit a hard copy of their results. Once a hard copy is obtained from each student by the deadline established, the students are randomly assigned to one of the full-time faculty members as their advisor. The student schedules an appointment with their assigned advisor to meet and review the results of their test. Depending upon the test scores, the advisor may require remedial coursework in areas of weakness. The nursing faculty has prepared a database of audiovisual resources available to each student



for further exploration of all areas of the licensure examination test plan. In addition, there are some mandatory remedial requirements if the student is deficient in any area of the nursing process (the foundation of nursing knowledge). There is a two-week deadline for completion of this remedial work. The student is also responsible for creating some personal learning strategies that they will use in preparation for the examination. Some examples include taking a review course or reviewing at least 1,000 questions prior to the examination.

During the second half of the final semester the Mosby Assess Test is taken by each student. Once the test results are received, each student is again required to meet with their advisor to review the newest results. Final comments are shared regarding test taking strategies and preparation for the examination based upon this assessment test findings.

The nursing faculty at Manatee Community College believes that we have a fine nursing program, and have implemented this advisement program to ensure that our students are fully aware of the implications and issues related to their licensure examination. We believe that our students have adequate preparation for the examination, but wanted to provide one-to-one counseling, with the caring and nurturing attitude that we possess. We felt that individual advisement would best provide the student the information necessary for success on the test.

Manatee Community College is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of faculty to take the time to implement this program for the students. It has been in place for two graduating classes and we already have seen some improvement on the test scores for our students.



Overview of RN Advisement

- 1. Each student takes the CAI RN CAT and submits test results to their clinical instructor.
- 2. Each test is reviewed and sections below passing are highlighted.
- 3. Advisor is assigned (evenly distributed based on scores)
- 4. Advisor follows guidelines (see attached)
- 5. Complete top half of "RN CAT Results Review" form. After guidelines reviewed with student, student writes up 5 learning strategies to prepare for NCLEX.
- 6. Give student: Overview of NCLEX Content Inventory of college's computer programs
- 7. Student must complete remedial work per guidelines if they did not receive "pass" level on ANY part of the nursing process aspect of the test.
 - -Strategies for problem solving, module 6, print out test -care plan using 5 column format per RN CAT exam.

 (see options and attached sample answer key)
- 8. Distribute AV Resources list (resources owned by college) as divided into the several content areas of the NCLEX (Safe care, health promotion, etc). Give to student the AV Resource list for areas that they did not pass, or were borderline on---or if they request all.
- 9. Deadline for remedial work (about 2 weeks)
- 10. Meet with student again after results of MOSBY Assess test are received.
- 11. All students are encouraged to take a review class and to return to the college to continue test prep, even in the summer. The computers and videos are always available to them.



RN CAT Advisor Guidelines

- 1. Review results of RN CAT test.
- 2. Computer program "Successful Test Taking" is in the Nursing Media Lab and may be useful as a test skills review.
- 3. Distribute "Overview of NCLEX Content" form to explain the content of each section of the RN CAT and NCLEX.
- 4. Suggest use of textbooks to review specific content.
- 5. If the student did not pass any aspect of the "Phases of Nursing Process" sections, remedial requirements include:
- -Computer program "Strategies for Problem Solving". The student must complete module 6 ("strategies used by nurses") and submit the module post test (printout form) to their advisor.
- -Successful completion of 1 care plan. Have them use a patient that they cared for in the hospital recently. All 5 columns must be correct. (See appointment form for due dates.)
- 6. Hand out the AV Resources sheet specific to the content areas of which that student has failed. For example: if fails "safe, effective care" section, give them the form for the AV resources for "safe, effective care".
- 7. Report that we all recommend that students take a **Review class**.
- 8. Advise the students that research has shown that a review of at least 3,000 questions will increase the probability of passing the NCLEX.
- 9. Wear RED to the NCLEX--it has been shown that red stimulates the brain cells. Hey, whatever works!!!!



RN CAT APPOINTMENT

Student:
You have been assigned to a faculty advisor to review the results of your RN-CAT test.
Your advisor is:
Advisor's office #: 752-5000 extension
Your advisor has the copy of the RN-CAT test that you submitted. Please schedule an appointment with your advisor to meet with them by March 30, 2001. (Your advisor is on campus the same days that you are scheduled to be on campus.) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday
Any remedial work required will be due by April 13, 2001.
The advisor will need to meet with you again after you receive your Mosby Assess Test results. This second meeting is due by the day of your final exam in Nursing Process.
These meetings (minimum 2) and remedial work (if required) will be a requirement to successfully pass the Nursing Process course to graduate.

Manatee Community College Department of Nursing Faculty



Overview of NCLEX Content

(Source: National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. 1997)

Safe, Effective Care Environment:

Management of Care--advance directives, advocacy, case management, client rights, concepts of management, confidentiality, continuity of care, continuous quality improvement, delegation, ethical practice, incident/irregular occurrence/variance reports, informed consent, legal responsibilities, organ donation, consultation and referrals, resource management, supervision.

Safety and infection control--accident prevention, disaster planning, error prevention, handling hazardous and infectious materials, medical and surgical asepsis, standard (universal) and other precautions, use of restraints.

Health Promotion and Maintenance

Growth and Development through the Life Span--aging process, ante/intra/postpartum and newborn, developmental stages and transitions, expected body image changes, family planning, family systems, human sexuality.

Prevention and Early Detection of Disease--disease prevention, health and wellness, health promotion programs, health screening, immunizations, lifestyle choices, techniques of physical assessment.

Psychosocial Integrity

Coping and Adaptation--coping mechanisms, counseling techniques, grief and loss, mental health concepts, religious and spiritual influences on health, sensory/ perceptual alterations, situational role changes, stress management, support systems, unexpected body image changes.

Psychosocial Adaptation--Behavioral interventions, chemical dependency, child abuse/neglect, crisis intervention, domestic violence, elder abuse/neglect, psychopathology, sexual abuse, therapeutic milieu.

Physiological Integrity

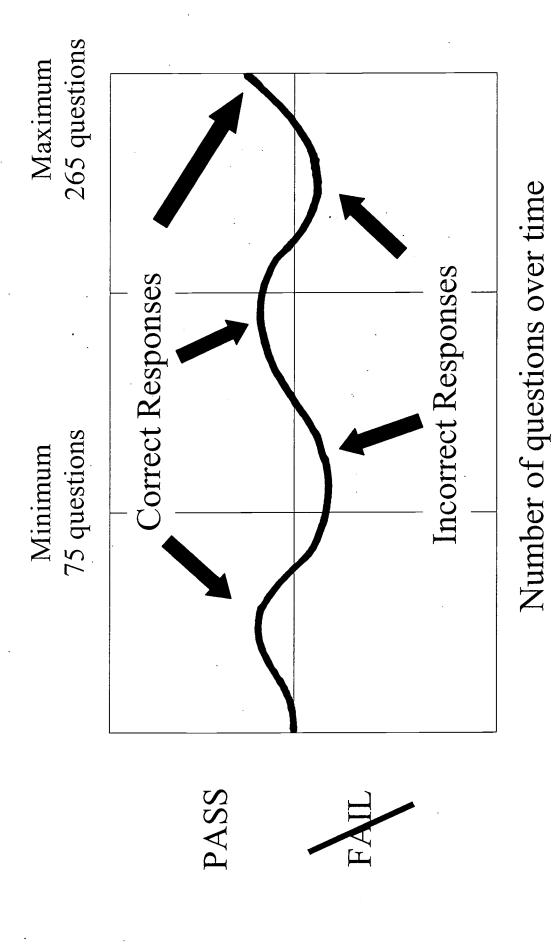
Basic Care and Comfort--assistive devices, elimination, mobility/immobility, non-pharmacological comfort interventions, nutrition and oral hydration, personal hygiene, rest and sleep.

Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies--administration of blood and blood products, central venous access devices, chemotherapy, expected effects, intravenous therapy, medication administration, parenteral fluids, pharmacological actions, pharmacological agents, side effects, total parenteral nutrition, untoward effects.

Reduction of Risk Potential--alteration in body systems, diagnostic tests, lab values, pathophysiology, potential complication of diagnostic tests, procedures, surgery, and health alterations, therapeutic procedures.

Physiological Adaptation--alterations in body systems, fluid and electrolyte imbalances, hemodynamics, infectious diseases, medical emergencies, pathophysiology, radiation therapy, respiratory care, unexpected response to therapies.





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NOTE: Maximum time is 5 hours

RN-CAT RESULTS REVIEW

Name	Date
According to the RN in the following area	-CAT practice examination results, you demonstrated weakness (s):
Nursing Process:	Analysis
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Assessment
	Planning
	Implementation
	Evaluation
Safe, Effective	e Care Environment
Health Promo	otion and Maintenance
Psychological	Integrity
Physiological	Integrity
	areas. A minimum of five strategies will be required to remedy it. Your efforts will assist in your preparation for the NCLEX
Learning Strategies:	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
Of course, we sugges	t a review course as part of the preparation for the NCLEX.
Faculty Advisor	Student
Date	Date



RN CAT requirements to continue in Level 4

Student	has met the following c	riteria to continue
in the Nursing Process	course for level 4:	
One meeting re:	RN CAT results	(date)
Remedial work of	completed, if required	(date)
Follow-up appoi	(date)	
Faculty Advisor	Date	
(Please return this form	to the student's clinical instructor.)	•



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EVALUATION						·
IMPLEMENTATION						
PLANNING						
ANALYSIS/NURSING DIAGNOSIS	·	•	•	·	·	
ASSESSMENT						



Computer Programs for Nursing Students

- <u>Successful Test Taking for beginning nursing students</u> covers strategies for successful test taking including understanding the question, distractors, selecting priorities, how-to answer communication questions, and a review of the nursing process.
- Accu-Calc medication calculation practice program. 12 modules covering: basic arithmetic, systems of measurement, conversion, selection of appropriate equipment, abbreviations, reading medication labels, oral and injectable drug dosage calculations, insulin information, IV administration calculations, infusion devices, critical care math, and accurate interpretation of drug orders.
- <u>Chart Smart II -</u> 10 module series on documentation, covering basic concepts, guidelines, charting formats, practice charting phrases, testing, and evaluation.
- **SOS Strategies for Problem Solving** skills, strategies, methods and steps used in problem solving. Simulation games and practice review of what you have learned.

Nursing Diagnosis

Create a Care Plan - Create you own care plan by picking from a list of Nursing Diagnosis, or you can modify an already existing one. You can choose which components of the care plan you want included.

Mystery Diagnosis - This is a game you can choose 1 or 2 players and it gives you clues with choices of nursing diagnosis. You have to choose the most appropriate nursing diagnosis. Note: Good for prioritizing and developing critical thinking skills Self-Test - Asks different questions about nursing diagnosis. Such as, for this Nursing Diagnosis, which would be an expected outcome?

Case Studies - Gives you a list of case studies to choose from. You must review the case study of your choice and then answer questions about it. Note: very helpful in critical thinking skills.

- Nursing Station 2000 learn to interpret Urinalyses, Three-Lead ECG's, Complete Blood Counts, and Arterial Blood Gases. Also includes 3D Virtual Anatomy, Nursing Diagnosis, and Audio Dictionary.
- <u>Clinical Nursing Concepts and Skills</u>— six modules with 13 different scenarios covering areas of Pharmacodynamics and administration of medication (parenteral and non-parenteral); perioperative care; inflammation, infection, and wound healing; fluid and electrolyte balance; and acid/base balances.



- <u>Basic Principles of Pharmacology</u> introductory concepts, drug facts, principles of drug action, responses to drugs, and a sample test bank.
- Avoiding Medication Errors step by step approach to medication administration that encourages critical thinking with patient scenarios. Review of the "6 rights."
- Essentials of Cardiac Rhythm Recognition electrical activity of the heart including sinus, atrial, ventricular dysrhythmias and heartblocks.
- The Mental Health Studios A computer assisted program that gives you an animated tour of Mental Health and all the disorders: Depression, Addictive Disorders, Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, and Anxiety Disorders. This program features in-depth information on the working of the brain in simple, interactive presentations including video clips and animated teaching games.
- Management Skills Effective Delegation describes the delegation process, with accompanying practice activities.
- <u>TLC</u> Sample computerized charts on 12 different patient scenarios.
- Med Sim Series Case studies on: Medical/Surgical, Maternity, Pharmacology, and Pediatrics.
- Med Terms Illustrated terminology, prefixes, position prefixes, condition suffixes, clinical suffixes, medical root terms, anatomical terms, abbreviations, the medical record treatment, and delivery methods. Note: Chapter 9 has to be done on computer (not in textbook).

Meds for Nursing Software - 3 parts

- Part 1 Test-Taking RN: A Critical Thinking Tutorial a tutorial that helps with interpreting test questions and mastering test-taking strategies
- Part 2 NCLEX-RN Success: A Question and Answer Testing Tool that lists 5 categories: Pediatrics, Psychiatrics, Management, Woman's Health, and Medical/Surgical. In each category you can take an NCLEX style exam, a practice test, or have a chart display your strengths and weaknesses from the NCLEX-style exam. This section also offers Integrated tests.
- Part 3 RN Essentials: An Interactive Nursing Review that offers opportunities to review question and answers for 7 units: Test-taking Strategies, Medical/Surgical Nursing, Psychiatric, maternal/Child, Pediatric, Nursing Management, and Pharmacology
- RN-CAT computer adaptive test bank with over 1000 questions to practice for the NCLEX



SAFE, EFFECTIVE CARE ENVIRONMENT

Management of Care:

Chart Smart—CAI

Reporting and recording observations—VHS

Documenting nursing practice---VHS

Nursing and informed consent ---VHS

The verdict is...--VHS

Confidentiality: legal and ethical concerns---VHS

SOS-Strategies for problem solving---CAI

Management Skills: effective delegation---CAI

Cultural diversity in the hospital—VHS (management to employees)

Sentimental woman need not apply—VHS

Crossroads: a nurse's story—VHS

Nurses have feelings too-VHS

Nursing: the challenge of a lifetime—VHS Nursing Diagnosis Reference---CD ROM

Safety and Infection Control:

ABC series—VHS—Washing hands, Using protective precautions,

Using correct body mechanics

Infection Control and Standard Precautions—VHS

Collecting and handling specimens---VHS

Specimen collection---VHS

Occupationally acquired bloodborne diseases: health law and ethics---

VHS

Nursing management of wounds—VHS

Was it just a drop of blood?—VHS

Wound care for nurses—VHS

Sterile technique—CAI

Applying restraints---VHS

Post Mortem Care---VHS



HEALTH PROMOTION AND MAINTENANCE

Growth and Development through the Life Span:

The eight stages of human life—slide tape series

Assessing the elderly series—5 tape VHS series

Age specific competencies---VHS

Diabetes in pregnancy--VHS

ABC series—VHS—Providing for prenatal care, Providing for care during delivery, Providing for newborn care, Providing for postpartum care

Managing labor and delivery—IVD

Knowledge deficit: infant care—VHS

Labor and delivery: augmentation—VHS

Life in the womb—VHS

Nursing assessment of the postpartum patient—VHS

Physical assessment of the newborn—VHS

Family Crisis: children with special needs—VHS

Medi-Sim Series----Maternity I & II-----CD-ROM

Medi-Sim Series----Pediatrics II-----CD-ROM

Prevention and Early Detection of Disease:

Springhouse Assessment Review series—set of 7 VHS tapes

Pediatric Assessment series—set of 5 VHS tapes

Assessing the Elderly series---set of 5 VHS tapes

Head to Toe Assessment---VHS

Assessing chest pain--VHS

Assessing heart sounds--VHS

Assessing breath sounds—VHS

Normal/ Abnormal breath sounds—CD-ROM

Comprehensive health history--VHS

Essential components of physical assessment--VHS

Physical assessment for nurses--VHS

Head to toe assessment—Laser disk

Physical assessment of the newborn--VHS

Vital signs—IVD

Vital signs--VHS

Combatting cancer in the '90's--VHS



PSYCHOSOCIAL INTEGRITY

Coping and Adaptation:

Something should be done about grandma Ruthie—VHS

Dealing with death and dying—VHS

Dying wish—VHS

Look for me here---VHS

Family crisis: children with special needs--VHS

Crisis intervention: families under stress--VHS

The depressed client--VHS

The manipulative client--VHS

The suspicious client--VHS

The withdrawn client--VHS

Cultural assessment—VHS

Transcultural series: 4 VHS tapes

Psychosocial Adaptation:

A Safer Place—VHS

Controlling violence in healthcare—VHS

Domestic violence—VHS

Child abuse and neglect: the hidden hurt—VHS

Childhood physical abuse--VHS

ABC series—VHS—Communicating Therapeutically

Communication: nurse patient relationship--VHS

Nurse patient interaction--VHS

Care for the caregiver---VHS

Mental Health Studios---CAI

Trouble in Mind Series (VHS): Bipolar Personality Disorder, Antisocial Personality Disorder, Panic Disorder, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Psychosomatic Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Eating Disorder, Depression, Post-psrtum Depression, Delirium, Schizophrenia, and Alzheimer's Disease.



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Basic Care and Comfort:

ABC series--VHS: Making a bed, Using special measures for comfort, Providing for elimination, Giving a complete bath in bed, Giving a partial bath, Providing for personal care, Moving in bed, Moving out of bed, providing maximum assistance with moving, assisting with crutches and walkers, assisting with casts and traction, Providing special turning measures

Zimmer series on traction—2 parts--VHS

Mobility series—IVD

Care of the Nasogastric tube—CD-ROM

Enteral feeding—VHS

Basic clinical skills: bladder catheterization—VHS

Catheterization and urinary care--VHS

Osteoarthritis—VHS

Total hip replacement surgery—VHS

Total knee replacement surgery---VHS

Reduction of Risk Potential:

Pathology of heart failure--VHS

Pathology of cerebral vascular accident—VHS

Pathophysiology of Diabetes Mellitus----VHS

Pathophysiology of Asthma, Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema--VHS

Physiology of Pain---VHS

Focused assessment: patient with post abdominal surgery--VHS

Focused assessment: patient with congestive heart failure—VHS

Focused assessment: patient with newly diagnosed DM—VHS

Nursing Station 2000 (ABG, EKG, CBC, U/A)---CAI

Clinical Nursing Concepts and Skills: Perioperative Care---CAI



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Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies:

Basic principles of pharmacology—CAI

Medi-Sim Series-----Pharmacology I & II-----CD-ROM

Medication administration—IVD

Avoiding medication errors—VHS

Avoiding Medication Errors----CAI

Concept media series: oral meds, topical meds, and IV meds---VHS

Basic injection techniques—VHS

Intravenous therapy--VHS

Administering blood and blood products—VHS

Assessing fluids and electrolytes—VHS

Detecting and managing IV therapy problems—VHS

Groshong catheter insertion—VHS

Hickman, Broviac, Leonard vascular access catheter--VHS

Longterm central venous catheters—VHS

Accu-Calc---CAI

Pro-Calc----CAI

Cancer Treatment---VHS

Expert Drug Therapy: Asthma, Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema-VHS

Clinical Nursing Concepts and Skills—Pharmacodynamics---CAI



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Physiological Adaptation:

Cardiac emergencies—VHS

Code: Cardiac Arrest—VHS

Coronary blood flow/myocardial oxygen consumption—VHS

Identifying cardiac dysrhythmias—VHS

Outpatient evaluation and management of CHF--VHS

Nursing care: elderly with acute cardiac disorder—IVD

Essentials of cardiac rhythm recognition----CAI

Medi-Sim Series----Med-Surg I & II-----CD-ROM

Medi-Sim Series----Maternity I & II-----CD-ROM

Medi-Sim Series----Pediatrics-----CD-ROM

Emergency airway problems—VHS

Nursing care: elderly with COPD--IVD

Acute respiratory failure—VHS

Basic skills: management of upper & lower airways—VHS

Endotracheal tubes—VHS

Tracheostomy Care--VHS

Oxygen equipment delivery systems—VHS

Mechanical Ventilation---VHS

Evolution and development of chest tubes—VHS

Chest drainage—VHS

Understanding chest drainage—VHS

Pulse Oximetry—VHS

Post-operative Skills---VHS

Diabetic emergencies—VHS

Fluid and electrolyte emergencies—VHS

Shock—VHS

Acute Neurological Care: Head injury—VHS

Identifying Neurological Deficits--VHS

Body Story: the death knell of old age---VHS

Clinical Nursing Concepts and Skills: Fluid and electrolyte----CAI Clinical Nursing Concepts and Skills: Acid/base balance----CAI

Clinical Nursing Concepts and Skills: inflammation, infection, and

wound healing----CAI



RN CAT Advisement Program

Results

The faculty at Manatee Community College are very pleased with the NCLEX results since the inception of this program. In the summer of 2000, our students demonstrated a first time pass rate of 94.2%, which is nearly 10% above the state and national average for first time pass rates. We are proud of the work that we perform daily in teaching our students, but we agree that this advisement program gives us the opportunity to individually assess the needs of every student. Passing the NCLEX is the ultimate determiner as to whether or not our students become gainfully employed after our years of instruction. Manatee Community College's nursing faculty have agreed to continue with this advisement system.





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